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The Environmental Justice For All Act is historic legislation crafted after years of meaningful consultation with environmental justice communities, stakeholders, and community leaders. The legislation is the result of an inclusive process that solicited public input and feedback to develop a tailored, comprehensive policy proposal.

Since the bill's inception, Congressman McEachin and House Natural Resource Chair Raúl Grijalva have continued working with environmental justice groups, the Biden administration, and other important stakeholders to ensure that the Environmental Justice For All Act keeps affected communities and their needs at its core.



A Timeline of the EJ For All Act:

2019

At the start of the 116th Congress, Rep. McEachin and Chair Grijalva began crafting this legislation by holding a series of roundtable discussions in communities across the country, including New Mexico and Puerto Rico, and hosting a Democratic forum during Black History Month.

Their nationwide roundtable discussions were rounded out with a historic <u>Environmental Justice Summit</u> at the U.S. Capitol. The first summit of its kind, the day-long event convened environmental justice leaders, advocates, and practitioners to connect with and educate policymakers on the environmental justice movement, its current challenges, and policy priorities.



2020

In February of 2020, after a year-long effort to incorporate public feedback into a draft bill, Rep. McEachin and Chair Grijalva introduced the Environmental Justice For All Act. The bill had 18 original cosponsors and was met with enthusiastic support from environmental justice groups across the country. You can watch the official press conference here.



2021

After another series of listening sessions across the country, the Environmental Justice For All Act was <u>reintroduced</u> in the 117th Congress.



2022

In February, the House Natural Resource Committee held a <u>legislative hearing</u> on the Environmental Justice For All Act. It was then <u>passed out of committee</u> in July.



Full bill text of the Environmental Justice For All Act, <u>click here</u>.

The Environmental Justice For All fact sheet, <u>click here</u>.



How to Support the EJ For All Act:

Call your legislator and **using our script below**, tell them to pass H.R. 2021 - the Environmental Justice For All Act

Find your representative <u>here</u>.



Phone Script:

Hello, My name is **[name]**, and I live in **[city name]**. I am calling today to express my support for H.R.2021, the Environmental Justice For All Act.

Vulnerable communities are disproportionately harmed by environmental injustice, which can manifest in a variety of ways, including increased exposure to air pollution, lack of access to potable drinking water, proximity to hazardous waste sites, and more.

The Environmental Justice for All Act is landmark legislation that was built on feedback from residents, community leaders, and other stakeholders who have firsthand experience living in communities impacted by environmental injustices.

Passing this bill would ensure every American can breathe clean air, drink clean water, and live in an environment conducive to a healthy, successful life. I urge [Representative] to support this important legislation.